

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting

December 3, 2001
1:15 p.m.

Sam's Restaurant, Hilton Hotel
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Mosher, Councilmembers Creighton, Degginger, Noble, and Smith

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Marshall, Councilmember Lee

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mosher, who presided, called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. and welcomed the following state legislators in attendance:

Senator Jim Horn
Representative Ida Ballasiotes
Representative Luke Esser
Representative Fred Jarrett.

Also attending were:

Steve Sarkozy, City Manager
Ed Oberg, Deputy City Manager
Diane Carlson, Regional Issues Manager
Matt Terry, Planning and Community Development Director
Goran Sparrman, Transportation Director
Lloyd Warren, Utilities Director
Mike Doubleday and Bob Mack, lobbyists for Bellevue.

2. Bellevue 2002 Priority Legislative Issues

The group discussed the following specific priorities:

Water Supply – Councilmember Degginger discussed Bellevue's involvement with the Cascade Water Alliance and an initiative to develop a new water supply at Lake Tapps.

City Revenue Authority – Mayor Mosher expressed Bellevue's support of the model business and occupation (B&O) tax ordinance. He said the City is opposed to two issues advocated by the Association of Washington Business: 1) apportionment of revenue to

non-taxing jurisdictions, and 2) a requirement that cities adopt the same definitions as the State.

Dr. Davidson led a discussion on utility tax losses resulting from open market energy purchases.

Councilmember Creighton commented that continued funding for local governments to meet buildable land requirements of the Growth Management Act is in jeopardy. He said compliance with the requirements should be made optional if the State is going to eliminate future funding. Mr. Creighton thanked the legislators for their support of funding to conduct the Eastside Concurrency Study. The study is on schedule and participating cities expect to report to the legislature in Fall 2003.

Transportation Funding for I-90, I-405, and SR 520 corridors – Councilmember Noble commented on the importance of ongoing transportation corridor planning efforts and the need for additional funding.

Human Services – Mayor Mosher discussed proposed budget cuts to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and encouraged legislators to refrain from shifting the burden of providing essential human services to local governments.

Full Cost Recovery for Probation Services – Mr. Creighton said 1999 DUI legislation has increased the work load of the City's Probation Services division, requiring the addition of one new probation clerk in 2002. Bellevue is seeking legislative support to change the statute to allow probation departments to set fees based on a full cost recovery approach.

Sales Tax Increment Financing – Mr. Degginger discussed Bellevue's interest in the sales tax increment financing bill (Mini Main Street Bill) that would enable cities to finance the construction and redevelopment of public facilities.

State legislators commented on the upcoming Legislative Session, which is a short or 60-day session. Due to the significant issues that will be before the Legislature, it is unlikely they will complete their work within the 60-day time frame. They discussed the difficulties in achieving consensus on significant issues.

3. Closing Remarks

Mayor Mosher thanked the attendees for their participation and declared the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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